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1. SUMMARY. WORKING GROUP CONTINUED MEETINGS ON NOVEMBER 11 WITH FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS POSSIBLE PACKAGE OF COOPERATIVE PROJECTS. CONSIDERABLE DOUBT SOVIETS WILL AGREE TO MAKE AVAILABLE ANY REALLY USEFUL ADVANCE DATA ON PRODUCTION. MEANS OF ARRANGING COOPERATOR PROJECTS NOT WORKED OUT YET ALTHOUGH SOVIETS HAVE POSITIVE INTEREST IN THIS TYPE OF COOPERATION. FIRST PLENARY TO BE HELD AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 13 WITH FINAL PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR MORNING NOVEMBER 15 AND PROTOCOL SIGNING THAT AFTERNOON. END SUMMARY.

2. IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS SESSION SOVIETS REAFFIRMED WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE TO EXCHANGE DATA, AND PROMISED WRITTEN

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RESPONSE TO U.S. PROPOSAL NOVEMBER 13. BUT GIST OF LONG

DISCUSSION SEEMED TO BE THAT THEY CANNOT PROVIDE ANY DATA ON CURRENT CROP AREAS AND PROSPECTS DURING GROWING SEASON, OR ANY MORE CURRENT LIVESTOCK DATA. INDICATED THAT THEY LIMITED TO DATA NOW PUBLISHED EACH YEAR OR EVERY FIVE YEARS, BUT THAT SOME OF THESE COULD BE PROVIDED A FEW MONTHS EARLIER (EXAMPLE - IN NOVEMBER ON CROPS GROWN THAT YEAR). SAID SOVIET REACTION TO COOPERATOR PROJECTS IS POSITIVE, BASED ON LIMITED STUDY TO DATE. AND THAT SOME COMBINATION OF THESE WITH THEIR PROPOSALS ON LARGE AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE MODELING AND AGRO-INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. SOVIETS ALSO AGREED THAT MERGING THEIR OTHER TWO PROJECTS MIGHT PROVIDE MORE COMMON GROUND WITH U.S. PROPOSAL ON DATA ORGANIZATION AND ANALYSIS.

3. RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS ON SCOPE OF COOPERATION. GENERAL AGREEMENT OBTAINED FOR ALL FOUR MAJOR AREAS. U.S. PERMAFROST PROPOSAL REFUSED. PLAN DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES FOR 1974 NOVEMBER 13.

4. FIRST PLENARY JOINT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 13. WORKING GROUPS TO MEET WEDNESDAY WITH FINAL PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY MORNING TO APPROVE SPECIFIC PROJECTS. PROTOCOL SIGNING THURSDAY AFTERNOON.
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